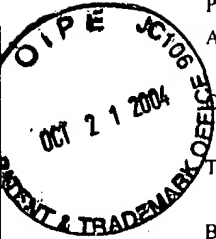


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 20, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A petition for a three month extension of time to respond to this office action is filed herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.